

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION**

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The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (USEPA) is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and EPA regulations.

USEPA is proposing to reissue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits to:

Guam Waterworks Authority  
Agat-Santa Rita Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Route 2, Gaan Point  
Agat, GU 96928  
NPDES No. GU0020222

United States Navy  
Apra Harbor Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Apra Harbor  
Agat, GU 96915  
NPDES No. GU0110019

### **Facility Descriptions**

Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) owns and operates the **Agat-Santa Rita Wastewater Treatment Plant**. The package plant serves and receives domestic waste from a population of approximately 13,000 from Agat and Santa Rita.

The **Apra Harbor Wastewater Treatment Plant** is owned and operated by the United States Navy. Apra Harbor serves a population of approximately 20,000 through separate sanitary sewer connections. This federal facility discharges treated domestic, industrial and commercial wastewater.

Agat-Santa Rita and Apra Harbor facilities treat wastewater at secondary level. Both facilities share a common outfall that discharge into Tipalao Bay (13° 24' 48" N, 144° 38' 30" E) located within the territorial waters of Guam. The outfall terminates at a diffuser located approximately 1,800 feet from shore and at a depth of 120 feet. The receiving water body is classified as Category M-2 (Good) marine waters.

### **Correspondence Information**

Persons wishing to comment on one or both of the dischargers may do so in writing by the close of the public comment period on September 6, 2009. EPA will consider and respond to all comments received during the comment period before taking final action.

The draft permits and fact sheets may be obtained by visiting EPA's website at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/npdes/pubnotices.html>.

To submit comments, or to obtain additional information including copies of the draft permits, fact sheets, and administrative records, please contact Richard Remigio at the address shown above, or by email to [remigio.richard@epa.gov](mailto:remigio.richard@epa.gov) regarding Agat-Santa Rita or to the attention of John Tinger at the address shown above, or by email to [tinger.john@epa.gov](mailto:tinger.john@epa.gov) regarding Apra Harbor.

When public interest warrants, USEPA may schedule a public hearing or may grant an extension of the comment period for the submittal of comments or objections (40 CFR Part 124.14).

Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. Within 33 days after EPA issues the final permit, any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing may petition the Environmental Appeals Board to review any condition of the permit decision (40 CFR Part 124.19).

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who you know would be interested in this matter.